

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

August 2011 – Week 2

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TITLE: LONE STAR HEAT

AUGUST 1936 AND THE LONE STAR SIZZLES.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

AUGUST 12, 1936. SEYMOUR, WEST OF WICHITA FALLS. FROM AMARILLO TO DALLAS, NORTH TEXAS BAKES UNDER A WEEKLONG HEAT WAVE. WITH TEMPERATURES IN THE HUNDREDS, LIVESTOCK SUFFER IN THE SHIMMERING FIELDS. IN TOWN, DRIPPING ICE TRUCKS WORK OVERTIME IN THE STIFLING HEAT.

HUNDRED AND EIGHT IN AMARILLO. HUNDRED AND TWELVE IN FORT WORTH. BUT IN SEYMOUR, THE MERCURY SOARS TO A SCORCHING HUNDRED AND TWENTY DEGREES: THE HOTTEST TEMPERATURE EVER RECORDED IN THE LONE STAR STATE.

THE 1936 HEAT WAVE CLAIMED 17 LIVES, SENDING HUNDREDS MORE TO LOCAL HOSPITALS.

BEFORE GLOBAL WARMING WAS COOL, TEXAS HIT A NEW HIGH 75 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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